

HSTORIC INSTANCES GTON SOCIETY HAS BEEN TRICKED BY FRAUD JOR JOKERS

Recent Episodes of the Unbidden Guest "Mephisto" at the Walsh Masque Ball and the Appearance at the Goff-Greene Recital of a Butler in a Fashionable Home Recall the Missing Gold Plate Incident at the Leland Stanford Ball, and How a Mischievous Lad Masqueraded as an Heiress.

home from Paris to some city in the West. As their guest for the day he was to attend the cotillon and listen to the fulsome fixtrery of young swains and bachelors, who would fall prey to his charms of face and figure—incidentally to the fortune.

dressing room, where the wraps were removed and the conventionalities of the evening were exchanged. Then the grand descent upon the ball room floor was begun, where the conquests of the evening were to be made.

His sisters, in subdued whispers, ostensibly meant only for that particular charms and perhaps indicate her approval thereof.

At last one well-known and wealthy bachelor was more fortunate than the rest, and, proudly taking her arm, went below with a select little party to dine. The sisters in the meantime had always hovered near their visitor in the dreafful fear that "he" might make some awful blunder and disclose

his suit, gasped and almost fell back-ward. ward.
The guests began to comprehend, and,
to the horror of the boy and his two
sisters, broke into hilarious laughter.
"Jig's up." the masquerader laconically remarked as his sisters ran to
him, and, catching him by the arm,
scurried to the dressing room, grabbed
the wraps, and hurriedly entered a

SENATOR STANFORD: "Ladies and gentlemen-a gold plate has been stolen. The doors have been locked and you will all stand up to be searched."

AME GOSSIP'S tongue has wagged more than once regarding the manner in which frauds and jokers have tricked exclusive so-

nave tricked exclusive so-ciety in Washington.

The presence of the unknown and uninvited guest, garbed as "Mephis-topheles," at the Walsh masque ball recently, and the appearance of a fashionable family's butler at the Goff-Greene recital at the Con-Greene recital at the Raleigh, a few days later, when mistress and man sat within a few feet of each other,

recalls some of these instances.

These, like the Walsh affair and the Goff-Greene episode, at the time upset society, and were topics of conversation in the home, at the ball, theater, and club for many weeks. The first of these occurrences, away

back in the eightles, is still vividly remembered by certain fashionable folk who were present on the eventful night, the lapse of time in succeeding years having never quite obscured the recollection of this surprise.

During Stanfords' Reign.

It occurred during the old social re-Stanford, of California, reigned as dic-tators of Washington society. Senator Stanford had won an immense fortune in the California gold fields, having been among those to go West in the forties, and in the evening of his life had coveted and won political honors. He came to Washington to enjoy the competence earned in more strenuous years. His wealth and position immediately placed the family in the forefront of the capital's official and

The Senator owned a magnificent residence at the corner of K and Seventeenth streets, this section of the city at that time being considered its most fashionable one. Dupont Circle and Connecticut avenue were considered too far removed in those days.

The home occupied by the Senator was me of the three elegant ones built by Alexander R. Sheppard, who laid out the city of Washington. It is now occupied by Vice President Fair-Architects in later years have

ound it a model of beauty. Soon after his arrival, Senator Stanford built the present large bailroom as an addition to the home, and it is

here that the story lies, for the Stanfords entertained lavishly and often.

族 族 Gold Table Service.

Among the many other princely household effects brought East by Senator and Mrs. Stanford was a priceless solid gold table service, the first ever used in Washington. Indeed, there has been but one other—that now being owned by Thomas F. Waish. At the most brilliant functions the

gold table service always was used, as it was on the occasion referred to here. This was to be the season's most elab-orate ball. Its splendor had been heralded far and wide for weeks be-fore. The invited were in esctacies of anticipation, while the uninvited would-be elite enviously shrugged and

sniffed. At last the night of nights came and the gay assemblage gathered, admired the gorgeous beauty of the occasion,

and the ball began
But around the banquet table, one
of the golden plates was missing.
Priceless, not because of the intrinsic

value, which of itself amounted to hundreds, but because of the associations surrounding the set, host and hostess were in despair. 'Twas verily a time for desperate measures. Amid a death-like stillness, the doors were locked, amid gasps of astonishment, indignation, and horror on the part of the guests, the host calmly announced that the plate must be found.

Every Guest Searched.

A search of every guest and servant present was begun. Deliberately the task proceeded, even to the fruitless end, for the plate was never found. It is said that it required almost an equally long time for those present to find their breath, so unusual and strange was the relentless hunt instituted by the host for the recovery of the lost treasure.

and the lost plate and the sensational search therefor was the topic of con-versation for many months. It is ac-cepted that many of those who attend-ed the Stanford ball that night never entirely forgave the host and hostess although it was stated that the search was made in the belief that some "wolf in sheep's clothing" had gained access to the home for the purpose of robbery, a number of the guests could never see it in that light or justify the indignity which they declared had been threat the state of the see that the state of the seed thrust upon every honest person pres-

Just how the rest of the evening passed off and how those present gave vent to their feelings once outside the Stanford mansion and on the way home, can better be imagined than described. While the Sanfords enter-tained as usual to the end of their tained as usual to the end of their Washington career, it is to be presumed that in future each guest always attended with the silent prayer that there would be no plates missed

姓 姓 Another Escapade.

Two years ago, another escapade, entirely different in nature and yet none the less startling in its denouement, captivated society, for this latter affair was humorous rather than serious in its every aspect. This little joke on those in the higher

social life was the fruit of the imagin-ative minds of two of Washington's most accomplished and cultured debutantes, the family standing high in both social and business circles. They were assisted by a youthful brother, who entered into the spirit of

the affair with all the avidity and enthuslasm a youngster of seventeen is carable of bringing into play. So clever and so harmless and innocent in its nature was the ruse, that the story can well be retold without reflection on any one. The occasion was that of the Bach-

elor's Cotillon at the Willard, these annual affairs that are looked forward to by social Washington each year. Our two young heroines always at tended. The young brother referred to was at home a few days from school for a vacation. Just how the plot was suggested to the three will never be known-perhaps by the fair form and face of the boy and his well-known ability to imitate a woman in speech.

Boy Masquerades As Heiress.

At any rate, he was informed by the girls that he was immediately to beme a blushing young debutante, and



Introducing to the Men at the Bachelors' Cotillon at the Willard the Young Washingtonian Who Masqueraded as an Heiress Until His Laugh Betrayed Him.

vance studied the enticing ways and manners of the gushing school girl, trained his voice to just the proper feminine consistency, cultivated the latest "giggle," and on the fateful night was fully competent to pass muster as the aforesaid heiress. At-tired in a magnificent gown of pale pink, adorned with a wealth of beautiful blond hair and captivatingly twirling an elegant white fan, he brushed past the line of servants into the girls'

auditor, but really meant for all told his identity before the evening was waiting carriage. The ballroom in the meantime was in an uproar, some of of their fair visitor's fabulous wealth, and her excellent social position, reciting the fact that she was an orphan with no family connections and with but an indifferent guardian—and the men did the rest.

'The wealthy visitor was soon surrounded by eager "young bloods," and other belles were neglected, while the gallants and staid bachelors hung expectantly upen her every word, pushing and crowding around that she might better view their individual

Their worst fears were soon realized.

Around the banquet table jest after jest delighted the diners, and as the wines began to flow everything became correspondingly more humorous. Presently a smart joke was being told when the guests were startled to hear emanate from the fair and delicate throat of the dashing Western girl—a loud, boisterous, mannish guffaw. "Her" bachelor friend, who, between the toasts, had begun ardently to press meantime was in an uproar, some of those present being surprised, a few shocked, and many convulsed with laughter at what they fermed the most cleverly executed practical joke of

Leading Colleges of America Are Planning to Fit Young Men to Work in the Diplomatic Service

generally are much interested in a plan now under consideration a pian now under consideration for the training of young men for the diplomatic selvice. Yale and Colum-bia have joined forces in the matter and are proposing to establish a sort of chair of diplomacy, or, at any rate, a curriculum that will fit young men for the diplomatic service. Those who have a knowledge of the methods at present in vogue for diplomacic ap-pointments of the United States will receive this bald statement with some

The Government has always endeavored to appoint the right man to the right place, but its reliance upon a man's diplomatic efficiency for the post has not been solely dependent upon his academic fitness. But the impression that the American diplomats sent to foreign countries have no means of obtaining suitable training for their high office has been current for a long time in one form or another.

President Butler, of Columbia University, points out that there has always been a wide difference between the academic point of view and the purely diplomatic. It is important that the intentions of the new educational course should not be confused with the dragoman preparative system for dip-

the present plans.

Andrew D. White, ex-ambassador to Germany, in the opinion of President Butler has constantly given a great deal of sound advice and information bearing upon this question, but, al-though his name has been mentioned in connection with the new course, really begun last year, the formative effect of his suggestions did not bring that

To Prof. Franz Boas, an anthropologist of wide reputation, must be given the credit of arriving at a means to an end that may have lasting influence upon the diplomatic service of the fu-

"It having been pointed out by the professor of anthropology that the courses of instruction offered at Yale and Columbia," writes Dr. Butler in his annual report of 1906, "In certain subjects supplemented on another admirably, the suggestion was made by him that the two institutions should endeavor to offer a joint course of study for the benefit of young men preparing for work in course. preparing for work in foreign countries, whether in the service of the United States Government, in business enterprises, or as missionaries or scien-tific investigators. The suggestion met with favor both at Yale and Columbia,

and arrangements for the proposed co-

operation were speedily made. "The courses included in the new rangement are intended to make the student familiar with the general subjects required for successful work in foreign countries and to enable him by means of this knowledge to gain quick mastery of special problems that present themselves in diverse occuptions and regions. The courses selected include Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Armenian, modern Persian, Arabic, Syriac, Turkish, Chinese, geography, ethnography, history, relig-ion, economics, and law. The success-ful completion of a curriculum chosen from the courses offered, which will normally occupy three years in the case of candidates for the consular candidates for other foreign services in service, and two years in the case of special fields, will entitle the student, on recommendation of the joint committee in charge of the courses, to an appropriate certificate signed by the president of Yale University and Columbia University. Subject to the rules of the two institutions, candidates for certificates are admitted to candidacy for the regular acadamic degrees. The undertaking has the cordial sup port of the Secretary of State and of the Secretary of War, and Government officials generally who are familiar

much practical value.

"The instance of co-operation ween two American universities is interesting, not only because of what it accomplishes, but because of what it

"ill-informed persons, whose view is often re-enforced by the excessive zeal of partisan advocates, have spread abroad the notion that universities are like business rivals competing for trade. The size of their respective classes, the amount of their endowclasses, the amount of their endow-ments, and the result of the athletic ons between their representatives are too often supposed to mark the advantages that one institution has over another. As a matter of fact, no two universities are in any ordinary sense of the word competitors. They are jointly engaged in one and the same task, and such co-operation as has been established between Yale and Columbia properly illustrates this fact. In many of the more advanced and highly specialized branches of knowledge it is simply waste of time, energy and money to attempt to duplicate the equipment of one institution in an-

The circular to the students definitely sets forth the scope of the new plan in its title, which reads: "Yale-Columbia Course in Prepara-

with the project, believe it will be of tion for Foreign Service." The cost of this course is a little over \$150 a year. To take it will involve attending Yale for part of the time, and Columbia for the rest. The student can travel up and down between New Haven and New York every week, or settle in either place till he has learned the share of instruction con-tributed by each university: A certificate of graduation from this course, although carrying with it no promise of appointment, will, it is expected, have its effect, when the student makes application for a post.

Dr. Butler finds that the expansion American commerce ab prompting young men to take the new course to fit themselves for positions in American banking and financial institutions in foreign countries, and some interest has been manifested by young men to become missionaries.

So far as the consular offices are concerned, Dr. Butler believes that the new course will equip a young man far more thoroughly to pass the civil service examination than any educa tional plan so far devised. He is particularly encouraged by the interest shown by Mr. Root and Mr. Taft. It is regarded as a sort of post-graduate course. At least, the stu-dents who take it, are supposed to have done two years of undergraduate

study at either Yale or Columbia, or to give proof of equivalent training before they can be eligible for the new

To obtain a consular certificate, the following course is planned: Two lan-guages besides English, commercial geography, elementary statistics, trade statistics, commerce and commercial policy, elementary law, Roman law, ommercial law, international law, history of diplomacy.

the candidate must elect seven other courses, to be approved by the Comittee on Instruction.
For certificates for commercial ser-

vice in special fields: Two languages besides English, commercial geography, elementary statistics, trade statistics, commerce and commercial policy, elementary law, commercial law. The new courses having been agreed upon at a conference between President Butler, of Columbia, and President Hadley, of Yale, the following committee was appointed to direct the plans of operation: Dean A. W. Phf.-Ilps, of Yale Graduating School; Prof. H. C. Ennery, of the Political Economy H. C. Ennery, of the Political Economy Department of Yale: Prof. Munroe Smith, of the Law Department of Co-

JAIL FOR LESE CIGARETTES.

of an industrial establishment, whose "The brother is a well-known Pollsh artist, devil." entered a tobacconist's to purchase Some days afterward the accountant cigarettes. Having bought some of the was summoned to the district court, brand Emperor Franz Josef affects the where he was charged with having

HE correspondent of the Milan Se- perial cigarettes were not sold on credit, colo youches for an extraordinary An altercation ensued, and it wound up case of lese majesty at Lemby the customer throwing the cigarettes berg, Galicia. The accuntant on the counter with the exclamation: "The imperial cigarettes may go to the

buyer found himself without money.

He told the tobacconist somewhat bruskly that he would pay him the next day. The tobacconist retorted that immonths' imprisonment.

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